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Starting later this week, GE contractors will commence the 2010 Supplemental Engineering Data Collection program. Additional core sampling will be initiated under the program to assist in further delineating the depth of contamination in the river sediments. Nearly 500 additional sediment samples will be collected between Rogers Island and Three Sisters Islands.

GE will test two alternate core sampling methods to determine if they will provide more complete and representative samples of the river sediments. If it is found that the alternate sampling methods provide a better delineation of the depth of contamination, these methods will be applied to other areas. The goal of this additional sampling is to further increase both EPA's and GE's confidence in the accuracy of the depth of contamination delineation and assist the ongoing evaluation being conducted for potential Phase 2 design changes. While this work has been under discussion with GE since the end of the Phase 1 dredging, recommendations from the peer review panel were considered during the development of this sampling program. The sampling program is being conducted by GE with EPA oversight and is expected to last eight weeks, through October 2010.

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